



£600k plan to stop epidemic of shoplifting

SHOPLIFTING has become an "epidemic" with offences doubling in the past year, the boss of John Lewis, Dame Sharon White (above), has said.

Dame Sharon said.

Dame Sharon said it was also "not right" that shop workers were "having to put up with abuse and attacks". A group of retailers, including John Lewis, have agreed to fund a police operation to crack down on theft from shops called

from shops, called "Project Pegasus".
A group of 10 retailers will spend £600,000 on the project, which will use CCTV footage and

use CCTV footage and data provided by the shops to get a better understanding of shoplifters' operations. Dame Sharon said some areas had become "shells of their former selves" due to violent attacks and repeated offonders "reusing" offenders "causing havoc" in shops, while incidents have not always been responded to by the police.

Wages growth at record high

WAGES in the UK have continued to surge at a record pace and have not been outstripped by inflation for the first time in nearly two years. The Office for National

Statistics said average regular weekly earnings growth remained at a record high of 7.8% in the three months to July, matching Consumer Prices Index inflation for the first time since October 2021.

Total pay including bonuses jumped by 8.5%, meaning that it exceeded inflation for the first time since March 2022, up 0.6%, including CPI.





THE UK's environment watchdog suspects the Government and regulators have broken the law over sewage releases.

The Office for Environmental Protection announced its preliminary findings into an investigation yesterday.

The regulators and Defra now

have two months to provide a

response before a final decision is made.

Last week a BBC investigation found potentially hundreds of

illegal dry sewage spills in England. In response to the announcement the Government said: "The volume of sewage discharged is completely unacceptable. That is why we are the first Government in history to take such comprehensive action to tackle it.

But it added: "While we do not agree with the OEP's initial interpretations, which cover points of law spanning over two decades, we will continue to work constructively with the OEP on this issue.'

The Government and water

companies have been under attack in recent months over sewage pollution, with former **Undertones frontman Feargal** Sharkey leading the campaign.

In 2022, water companies in England released sewage for 1.75 million hours - or 825 times a day on average.

Sexual attacks on surgeons go unchecked, study shows

ALMOST one in three female surgeons working in the NHS have been sexually assaulted in the last five years. Eleven instances of

rape were reported by surgeons who took part in a new study, published in the *British Journal of Surgery*.

The poll found 29% of

The poll found 29% of women who responded had experienced unwanted physical advances at work, more than 40% receiving uninvited comments about their body, and 38% receiving sexual banter at work.

Almost 90% of women said they had witnessed sexual misconduct in the past five years, with 81% of men giving the same

men giving the same

answer.
The report concluded:
"Sexual misconduct
occurs frequently and
appears to go unchecked in the surgical environment owing to a combination of a deeply hierarchical structure and a gender and power imbalance.

power imbalance.
"The result is an
unsafe working
environment and unsafe
space for patients."
Compiled by the
University of Exeter
from 1,436 responses to

an anonymous online survey, the study was commissioned by The Working Party on Sexual Misconduct in Surgery – a group of NHS surgeons, clinicians and researchers "working to raise awareness of sexual misconduct in surgery, to bring about cultural and organisational change".

Kim arrives in Russia for arms talks with Putin

TWO of the world's worst tyrants are getting cosy as Kim Jong-Un holds talks with Mad Vlad Putin.

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North Korea's leader rolled into Russia on an armoured train yesterday, a rare meeting between isolated leaders driven together by their need for support in escalating standoffs with the West.

Kim is expected to seek economic aid and military tech for his country, and, in an unusual twist, appears to have something Putin desperately needs: munitions for Russia's war in Ukraine.

This meeting is a chance for Kim to get around crippling UN sanctions. For Putin, it's an opportunity to refill

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ammunition stores that the war has drained. Any arms deal with North Korea would violate the sanctions, which Russia supported in the past.

North Korea's official News Agency

North Korea's official News Agency said Kim boarded his train for Russia on Sunday afternoon. The train trundled across the vast expanse of Asia at just 37mph as Kim famously gets travel sick. Some Russian news media speculate he is headed for the Vostochny spaceport, which Putin is to visit. Putin declined to say what he intended to do there

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The launching facility is about 550

miles northwest of Ussuriysk, but it is unclear how long Kim's slow-moving train would take to get there. Peskov said Putin and Kim will meet and a lunch will be held.

Kim is accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, a party official in charge of munitions who joined the leader on tours of factories producing artillery shells and missiles, said South Korea's Unification Ministry.

Nuke

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu will be part of the Russian delegation, according to Peskov. It's feared that the Russians will hand North Korea advanced nuke technology in return for artillery shells and bullets.

Rail fares to rise by 8%

ENGLISH rail fares will rise by up to 8% in 2024 if the Government uses the same formula as this vear, new figures show.

The Department for Transport aligned this year's cap on train fare increases with Britain's average earnings growth for July 2022 (5.9%).

Figures published by the Office for National Statistics yesterday show the same measure for July 2023 was 8%.

The DfT has previously confirmed that next year's fare rises will be below the Retail Prices Index measure of inflation for July (9%), but has not announced what formula

TODAY'S WEATHER

AFTER the late summer heatwave it's now back to reality, as the UK huddles under grey skies which bring long, wet spells. Temperatures of 19C in London, 18C in Cardiff, 17C in Manchester, 13C in Belfast and 12C in Edinburgh. Thursday is similar as temperatures continue to fall, along with the

to fall, along with the blasted rain. If you bought

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK FRI SAT

barbecue food at the weekend, you'd be best whacking it in the

Temperatures of 18C in London, 16C in Cardiff, 17C in Manchester, 14C in Belfast and 12C in

Edinburgh. OUTLOOK: Grey & wet.



ITV has taken over from Sky as the new home of

Oscars ceremony in the UK

The 96th Academy Awards will be broadcast live from the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles into living rooms across the UK via ITV1 and ITVX in March. It is part of a new multi-year agreement with Disney Entertainment

that will see future Oscars ceremonies made available across ITV platforms and

programming, it was announced yesterday.
Darren Nartey, senior acquisitions manager for ITV and ITVX, said: "We are thrilled to be able to exclusively bring the Oscars to film fans all across the UK, furthering and complementing our commitment to films across our network.

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and are looking forward to sharing the movie event of

sharing the movie event of the year with our viewers." Bill Kramer, chief exec of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, added: "We could not be happier to partner with ITV in bringing the Oscars to viewers in the UK. "ITV's support of our international awards show is a testament to its deep

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devotion to the movies."

The Oscars will take
place on March 10, 2024.





A VIDEO has been shared on Instagram of Princess **Kate meeting the England**

Rugby team.

And in it she joked with George Ford, asking if he'd

And in it she joked with George Ford, asking if he'd been practising drop goals.

The Princess of Wales, 41, was part of the 60,000 crowd at the Stade de Marseille, France, on Saturday.

England beat Argentina 27-10, despite being a man down after Tom Curry was shown a red card in the fourth minute, with George Ford scoring all 27 of England's points.

And after the match, Kate, who is patron of the Rugby Football Union, met some of the players.

A clip of the meeting was shared by England Rugby on Instagram, where it was soon liked by thousands of fans.

But when the innocent interaction between Kate

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and George was reported on the website of the hate-filled Daily Mail, filthy-minded trolls immediately crawled out of the woodwork.

One slavered: "I bet she was frothing at the clopper in those changing rooms."

For those not familiar with such baseness, the commenter was suggesting that the presence of such undiluted masculinity had our future Queen's regal private parts moistening in sexual excitement.

Other comments shared on the Mail's website are just too upsetting to repeat.

Last night a friend of the princess said: "In olden days, the people making these vulgar comments would be consigned to the Tower of London!"



Davina: age is no barrier to bonking!

DAVINA McCall has

DAVINA McCall has insisted that you don't have to "give up on intimacy and sex" as you get older.

The presenter, 55 (above), is fronting a new dating show My Mum, Your Dad for middle aged parents looking to find love again.

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She has reflected on passion in later life, saying that once kids have flown the nest it can be the perfect time for things to reignite.

She said: "What I like about the show is it's a nice reminder to society that you don't give up on intimacy and sex when you're in your forties, fifties and even sixties.

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"Actually, they could be the sexiest time of your life, when the baggage of kids is gone, they've all flown the nest, and you can extually so for it except."

nest, and you can actually go for it again! "With kids it's like, 'Shhh, oh my gosh, they could walk in at any moment!"



Pensioners to get £13.30 rise

THE state pension is likely to rise by 8.5% in April after data crucial to the so-called triple lock was sublished. was published.

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The policy means the increase in the pension is the highest of average earnings, inflation or 2.5%

Those earnings were recorded at 8.5%, and the inflation figure is unlikely to be higher.

That means the state

ension is likely to rise by







Aerosmith singer Steve loses voice

AEROSMITH have postponed six of their North America farewell

North America farewell tour shows due to singer Steven Tyler having sustained vocal chord damage.

The group kicked off their Peace Out tour earlier this month and had been been set to perform in Toronto but that's now been pushed back until February 2024.

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The next gig on their revised schedule is now in Tampa, Florida next month.
Frontman Tyler, 74, said he was "heartbroken".
"Tyn boartbroken to

"I'm heartbroken to say I have received strict doctor's orders not to sing for the next 30 days," he said. "I sustained vocal

chord damage during Saturday's show that led to bleeding. We'll need to postpone a few dates so that we can come back and give you the performance you deserve.

Aerosmith had hits in the 1970s, 80s and 90s such as *Dream On* Walk This Way and I Don't Want To Miss A

Fact me!

THE term "pipe dream" is a reference to the people have after smoking opium

Vape ban to protect kids

DISPOSABLE vapes are to be banned to help protect children, reports suggest. Ministers are said to be

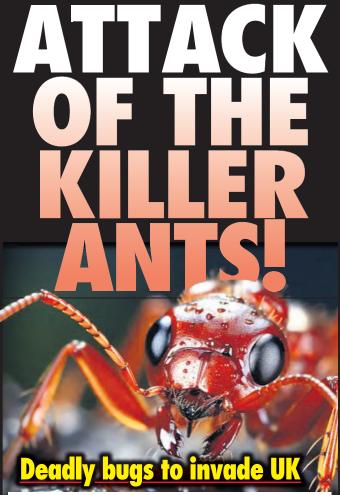
drawing up plans to ban the devices, which are said to be targeted at those under 18.

Single-use vapes are sold in bright colours, and come in sweet and fruity flavours like lemonade

and gummy bear.
It comes after a number of doctors have called for action to protect the health of children.

Science and Technology Secretary Michelle Donelan said: "We have been looking into this and have been this is a very worrying trend that we're seeing of young children taking up vaping that had never smoked before, and it is extremely dangerous to their health and their wellbeing.

"It's something that we do need to act on and, as a Government."



DEADLY red fire ants are poised to invade Britain, experts fear, after the first colonies were discovered in Europe.

Boffins have found 88 red fire Boffins have found 88 red fire ant nests spread over five hectares near the city of Syracuse, in Sicily, Italy, the ant's first official sighting on the continent.

Under current environmental conditions, the ants could spread across seven per cent of Europe, with London a prime candidate for colonisation.

colonisation.

Stung

The south coast of England, southern Wales and parts of the Midlands could also be at risk from the invading species according to the new research, published in the journal Current Biology.

Spanish researchers visited Sicily after seeing photos of the ants and found that locals had been getting stung frequently for years. Red fire ants, known officially as Solenopsis invicta, are native to South America, but have spread to the US, Mexico, the Caribbean, China, Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand where they have been China, Taiwan, Australia, and New Zealand where they have been eradicated

"S. invicta is one of the worst invasive species. It can spread

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alarmingly quickly," said Mattia Menchetti of the Institute of Evolutionarry Biology in Spain.

"Finding this species in Italy was a big surprise, but we knew this day would come.

"There are a vast number of alien ant species currently established in Europe, and the absence of this species was kind of a relief. For decades, scientists have feared that it would arrive. We could not believe our eyes when we saw it.

"The locals have been experiencing these painful things since at least 2019, so the ants have probably been there for a while."

A single red fire ant can bite and sting its victim repeatedly, causing a burning sensation and in some cases chest pains, nausea, dizziness and anaphylactic shock.

They have been responsible for more than 80 deaths in the US where it is estimated 14 million people are stung annually.

They can also be devastating to agriculture, feeding on almost any plant and invading electrical equipment, causing short circuits and devastating fires.

Genetic analysis suggests the ants probably originated in China – like most deadly pests plaguing our clean planet.

our clean planet.

'PEAK-TIME' PINTS TO COST MORE

THE pub group that owns Slug & Lettuce and Yates's bars has said it will charge about 20p more per pint during peak hours due to cost

peak hours due to cost increases.
Stonegate Group, the UK's biggest pub chain, says 800 of its 4,000 pubs will start "dynamic pricing" during evenings and weekends.
It said the price rise reflected the higher costs the company was facing, including extra security. Peak-time

pricing is used by other sectors like travel when

demand spikes.
Stonegate say drinkers
will be alerted to the
price increases through

price increases through notices in their pubs.

The company has introduced temporary price increases before. The chain charged up to 50p a pint more when England matches were shown in their pubs during the last two World Cups.

Prices returned to normal after the

normal after matches. Ride-sharing companies like Uber use peak-time pricing, and it is commonly used by the hotel and airline

the hotel and airline industries.
"We regularly review pricing to manage costs but also to ensure we offer value for money to our guests", a Stonegate spokesperson said.
"This flexibility may mean that on occasions pricing may marginally increase due to the increased cost demands on the business." on the business.





FULL SEND

DON'T you just love 'em! Celeb babes just adore flashing their bits on social media – and here's a selection of the hottest ones this week...



COMBAT BARBIE







LOVE Island babe Cassidy McGill has been forced to flee her luxurious apartment as she was

spooked by GHOSTS!
The star, 28, who appeared in the Aussie version of the reality show recalled her

reality show recalled her haunting encounter in a video on Instagram.

"I've always said I've felt like I've had an energy or a spirit in the house," Cassidy said.

"Last night it just started getting a little bit intense."

Cassidy claimed the full blue moon had increased the supernatural activity, and she had an overwhelming feeling she "wasn't alone" in her bedroom of her home in Sydney.

<u>Urge</u>

"It was just this feeling I was getting walking into bedroom," she said.
She admitted the spooky activity had been happening over a few nights, which she had been shrugging off.
"The night before it had turned my heater on. Which it had done before," she said.
"Last night, I got the urge that I knew whoever, whatever was in that front sunroom made themselves very aware and known."
Cassidy said she had

SPOOKED: Cassidy had to stay with a pal (*above*) as her's was 'haunted'

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a feeling she and her cat Honey were not alone. "If you've ever

you've ever experienced it when you're not alone. It's not necessarily there is a physical person in the room. You just know there's something in here," she said.

Cassidy said

attempted to calm the spirit with sage nerbs and crystals.

and crystals.

"I cleansed all my crystals, I saged them, and put them outside to charge in the blue moon."

After that failed – due to it being bollocks – she decided to flee to a male friend, also

friend's place.

"I got the f**k out of there and stayed at the boys' house. I was not staying there."



WHITEHALL faces a

WHITEHALL faces a shortage of cyber-security and other digital skills amid staffing cuts, MPs have warmed.

The civil service has fewer than half the number of technology experts it needs, a new report by Parliament's Public Accounts

Committee said.

Dame Meg Hillier said the lack of cyber-security

the lack of cyber-security experts in particular should send "a chill down

should send "a chill down the Government's spine". Departments can't match what experts are paid by the private sector. Some digital skills shortages in Whitehall are also "self-inflicted" through staffing cuts through staffing cuts, with the digital headcount rationed in Government departments.
Saving money has left

the Government dependent on ageing legacy systems, MPs said.









£6.6m compo handed to sex Miss victims

SCHOOL bosses must shell out £1.8million to the sex abuse victim of a teacher, who was made pregnant by another student.

The settlement brings the total amount paid by Redlands Unified School District in southern California to Laura Whitehurst's victims to £6.6m since her arrest in 2013.

The latest lawsuit was filed in 2021 by a former Redlands High School student who claimed Whitehurst (above) preyed on him

(above) preyed on him in 2007 and 2008, when he was just 14.

Whitehurst later admitted to having sex with him up to 15.

with him up to 15 times inside the San Bernadino classroom

Bernadino classroom and at her apartment. The English teacher and soccer coach pleaded guilty to unlawful sex with three former students, one of whom she shares a baby with. She served six

She served six months in jail and registered as a sex offender in 2014.
The school district last agreed in 2016 to pay another victim, the father of the teacher's child, £4.8m for the abuse.



Frothing at mouth cop attacker fined

A COURT heard how a woman was found lying naked in a doorway, frothing at the mouth. When police officers approached Miranda Mayhew, 44, she became what Crown Prosecutor Sian Vaughan described as "extremely abusive" towards cops. "The officers were dealing with a separate

"Ine officers were dealing with a separate incident when they found the defendant outside her property," Ms Vaughan told magistrates in Haverfordwest in Pembrakeshire Pembrokeshire.

Pembrokeshire.

"She attempted to punch and grab them, and one officer was hit and pushed to the stomach. As a result, the defendant was arrested."

Mayhew pleaded guilty to a charge of assault by beating of an emergency worker and was given a 12-month community order, with 20 rehabilitation activity requirement days. She was fined £120 and ordered to pay £50 compensation to the

compensation to the police officer.





ELLA LAYING



A WOMAN is starting a life sentence after she killed her boyfriend - for

after she killed her boyfriend – for playing ABBA songs at full blast!

Iyanna Marie Colon, 23, and her lawyer had claimed that she killed Maan Saleh Alblowi, 25, in self-defence.

Colon and the victim had been living together at his apartment in Portage, Michigan, for around a week when a row over the Swedish supergroup's music turned fatal on January 17 last year.

Colon, who has a history of violence, said during the argument that she threw water in Mr Alblowi's face and strangled him to death in self-defence, believing the "situation was life or death".

life or death".

She claimed he ran at her and dragged her by her hair and choked her first, to the point of her blacking out.

Cried

Authorities said that Colon told cops she prayed over Alblowi's body for an hour or more and cried as she was aware that he was dead.

She then covered the victim's body in a robe, and dumped his remains in a closet before then sleeping for hours on Alblowi's mattress.

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She then went out for a walk because she was "tired of looking at him" and tried to remove her fingerprints from the scene at the Briargate Apartment complex.

Police learned about the crime the following

the crime the following day when Colon confessed to her parents.

Mr Alblowi's body was discovered by law enforcement officers while Colon was at a police station.

He died of mechanical

He died of mechanical asphyxiation.
Colon was convicted last month by a jury of premeditated murder.
She was sentenced to serve jail time after pleading guilty in March 2021 and October 2021. in two separate assault

Son left voicemail of mum's lover murder

A MAN who accidentally recorded a voicemail while murdering his own mum's boyfriend has been sentenced to 85 years

in prison.
Cody Allen Wade was
convicted of killing Carl
Haviland in June 2020.

At the time, he was on parole for arson.

In the sentencing order, Clay County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Pell wrote that Wade had stabbed Haviland multiple times in front of his mum.

Before the incident, prosecutors said Wade left a voicemail on his mother's phone but failed

to hang up, meaning the incident was recorded.
Wade was sentenced to 60 years for the murder, with 15 years added for habitual offending.

KILLER IMPLICATED BY RAP MUSIC VID









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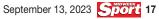
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Fiend dismembered body and left remains on shoreline

Prison cook fed phones to jailed murderer lover

A JAIL kitchen worker is accused of having a sexual relationship with a convicted murderer and smuggling phones and drugs into prison. Tamika Shelton

and drugs into prison.
Tamika Shelton
(above) was charged
with furnishing a
phone to an inmate in
the Southern Desert
Correctional Centre
near Las Vegas.
Investigators found
Shelton had 57 phone
calls with Robert
Williams, 36 – an
inmate serving life for
murder – before he was
moved for "behaviour
issues".
In a call in January
2022, Williams asked
Shelton to buy his
daughter a phone, even
though he has no kids.
They also talked
about "when Shelton
was sucking on his

was sucking on his tongue", about him "kissing her luscious lips" and about the
"freaky shit" they had
enjoyed together.
Shelton admitted

shelton admitted to having sex with Williams while working in the kitchen. She is due to return to court in December.

Fact me! THE cuckoo in the world's largest cuckoo clock weighs around 330lbs

'Radioactive' school shuts

A SCHOOL was evacuated after URANIUM was found in an old store room. Investigators looking

for asbestos at Castle Hill High School in Castle Hill, near Sydney, Australia, made the shock find in the long-locked room.
A red box labelled

"yellowcake" was found inside a locked science storeroom – which has been cordoned off until further notice – sending school officials and the Education Department scrambling to clear classes Yellowcake is partially

processed uranium made from the nuclear metal's ore.

metal's ore.
"Back in the Sixties
they had yellowcake,
which they would use to
test radiation," a teacher
explained. "They'd pull it
out and the kids would use radiation counters and go, 'Yeah, that's radioactive'."

The teacher added:
"Somehow it got put in a red box and left in the storeroom, where it sat unnoticed for decades."





Joseph C. Roberts, 42, is charged with the murder of Rachel Buckner, 27.

The victim's remains turned up in a plastic bag along the shoreline near the Bay Farm Island Bridge, said cops in Alameda, near San Francisco.

A passerby found the remains while walking on a trail, Alameda Police Chief Nishant Joshi said

A search wavenut four

Joshi said.

The victim's head, hands, and feet were severed from her body and are still missing.

and are still missing.

Officers could not immediately figure out the woman's identity, though they eventually confirmed it on August 30 through a DNA test.

Police claim Roberts's DNA was on the duct tape that was wrapped around some of Ms Buckner's body parts.

Bags

"Joseph's DNA was on the tape that wrapped her body, which meant he was aware she was dead, he was aware she was dismembered, and he took an active role

was dismembered, and he took an active role in wrapping her body, concealing it in plastic rubbish bags, "cops said. Roberts allegedly did not report his girlfriend missing, although they had been together for several years and lived together at a flat in the city of Pleasanton. city of Pleasanton.

A search warrant for A search warrant for Roberts's phone records showed his mobile phone connected with Ms Buckner's on July 13, about a week before the passerby found the body, officers said. Roberts had the victim's phone and used it long after she died, officials also said. He also allegedly had

He also allegedly had her car. Officers noted that

Officers noted that Roberts communicated with at least three other women since then. Police arrested Roberts at his and Ms Buckner's apartment and they claimed to find evidence that the murder took place there.

Cops released details about the couple's apparently turbulent history.

Authorities arrested both last year for allegedly breaking into

both last year for allegedly breaking into the home of Ms Bucker's mother and assaulting her family.







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eaming

AN older lady walked into my other half's workplace the other day, looking to see if they stocked a certain type of

jam jar lid.
There was another customer in the shop at the time – at the front of the queue, rather than behind – so the missus asked if she would

of the queue, rather than behind —so the missus asked if she would mind waiting.

"Yes!" barked the old crone — she WOULD very much mind waiting.

Now, were those jam jar lids available or not?

They were — they were actually in the back — but incensed at being spoken to like she was six, my one informed the other one that no, she'd have to try elsewhere.

Like Hell, perhaps.

But this is where we are now.

This once green and pleasant land is now instead a battleground.

Where once you could have a political disagreement with someone and still have a laugh afterwards, now it's all out war.

Daggers now seem permanently drawn between not just left and right, but Leave or Remain, Pro-Trans or Anti-Trans, Shoplifters or Coppers, Nurses vs Patients, Rainbows vs Rain Clouds.

Everything, everywhere, it seems.

Nurses vs Patients, Rambows vs Rain Clouds. Everything, everywhere, it seems, is an argument. Not a tiff. Not a mild disagreement. Not a single "I'll think about it"

moment.

No.
It's always a full-on, blood-curdling, lines in the sand, teetering on violence, confrontation.
Now, the usual suspects (that is, Remainers) will always blame this on Brexit, largely because they need belon.

help.

But the questions that have arisen way after the one asking whether or not you wanted to be part of a weirdly undemocratic political organisation are by far and away more profound and important

and important.

Should little boys be allowed to become little girls, and vice versa?

Should all our kids whatever their sex wear skirts/shorts/trousers/tutus/ strap-on dildos?

Should we carry on looking after Ukraine or leave them to it?

Should we insist on kids learning English in our schools or not?

Then you can throw in the vegans, and the Just Stop Oilers, and indeed anyone who thinks chucking paint is somehow effective at anything other than 30 seconds at the top of,

admittedly, the BBC news.
But, then, should the BBC still even be in existence in this age of limitless TV, radio, podcasts, websites, and radio stations?

"Yes!" scream the left. "No!" scream the right.

You sit in the pub listening to a conversation taking place next to you and find yourself chewing your own cheeks from the inside.

You want to offer a personal input,

but you get the feeling that to do so would be akin to chucking a lit match

would be akin to chucking a lit match onto a puddle of petrol right outside the door of an orphanage. Our once comforting taverns, of frothing mead and comely bar staff and open fires and snoozing Red Setters and Scampi Fries, are now cauldrons of slowly simmering

hatred.
The neighbours are nice enough – to your face, anyway - but what are they muttering about the moment your back is turned?

The mistrust we have grown to have for one another is extraordinary in two ways.

Extraordinary in the speed it has

And extraordinary in how much bad news it spells for the country if left unchecked and allowed to thrive. It's time for Britain to learn how to

shake hands again.
And, like we always used to do, instead of being a nation of bad losers, actually mean it.

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Human skull shocker for charity staff

A HUMAN skull was donated to charity in a box full of other items, shocking staff who made the grisly discovery.

The skull (above) was confirmed to be real and human after an employee of the thrift store in Goodyear, Arizona, called police to investigate.

Officers showed up and removed the skeletal remains which

and removed the skeletal remains which they then brought to a medical examiner's office in case it was linked to a missing

persons case.
Although the skull is human, investigators do not believe foul play was involved.

A spokesperson for the Goodyear Police Department said: "It appears to be historic, and ancient and does

not appear to have any forensic value at all. "What that means is no crime is attached to this skull."

It's unknown who It's unknown who donated the human skull – which is missing its bottom jaw and has one socket filled with a fake eye – that was packed among other items in the donation bin.

Fact me!

CATHOLICS in Nicaragua, who observe Lent by abstaining from meat, make meals of armadillo or iguana instead

Woman woken up by nude burglar

A MAN was arrested for breaking into a woman's apartment, while stark

A householder in Santa Monica, California, called police and said she had woken up to a nude man standing next to her bed. The woman fought off

the intruder and managed to open the front door of the apartment, forcing her would-be attacker out.

Santa Monica Police raced to the apartment and investigators quickly identified the suspect as Cordell Dionte Studley,

Police said Studley had been observed at the woman's apartment complex twice previously.

A wanted notice was issued for Studley and he was later arrested.

He has been charged with assault with intent to commit rape, residential burglary, and false imprisonment.



others to convey "passion" and "fantasies" in their eyes to help

Her winner announcement post left some fans confused, however,

the event to be live streamed over the internet to paying viewers.







Dear Kelly,

I'M a 36-year-old divorced woman and the other week I bumped into an old school pal I hadn't seen for 20 years.

I invited her round to my place for a meal and she revealed she hadn't made love to a man since her husband left her.

I said she must be feeling terribly frustrated but she laughed and said: "That does not mean I haven't had sex."

I didn't understand what she meant until she pushed me back on the sofa, easing my thighs apart. She pulled my panties aside and probed my pussy with her fingers and then the tip of her firm tongue.

It seemed like only seconds before I was experiencing the most

powerful orgasm I have ever left.
For the rest of the evening we sucked, licked and finger-f*cked
each other to orgasm after orgasm.
Now I'm feeling confused. I don't know whether I've been a latent
lesbian all along or whether this was just a boozy one-off.

TF, Derby

Kelly says... THIS is something you'll have to explore further with your friend.

Dear Kelly,

MY mate's mum looks just like the actress Helen Mirren, except she's a bit younger than her and has got bigger tits – plus she always wears some sort of lurid pink all-in-one get-up and talks in a very broad Yorkshire accent.

Nonetheless, last week she sucked me off after we'd had a few drinks in the pub. She dragged me into an alley at the back of the boozer and whipped my rock-hard cock out.

She took me right to the back of her throat and when I erupted in her gob, she swallowed the lot like a real trooper.

I was about to do her from behind when my mate came out of the pub to see what was going on. He was furious with us both and now he won't talk to me.

The trouble is he's got my best jumper and I need it back for a date with his sister!

date with his sister!

Kelly says...

YOU'RE having a laugh – wear a shirt!

Well-hung gym hunk gave me exhausting workout

Dear Kelly,

I'M a 22-year-old single girl and I've never had much luck with the fellas.

In fact, I was a virgin until a couple of weeks ago.

That's when I first went to my

local gym.

I was greeted by a hunky guy who took me into the gym to show me the equipment.

Equipment

Little did I know that he would be showing me his equipment a little while later!
He was soon flirting with me.
I responded and he told me he wanted to shag me.
I said I'd like that and he led

me to an office.

He locked the door, lay me on the desk and then he began to

lick me out – which was the most wonderful and intimate thing I've ever experienced.

Then he stood up and dropped his trousers – and that's when I first saw his massive cock for the very first time.

When I explained that I was a virgin, he told me that he'd be very gentle.

It was brilliant feeling him inside me and after building up a steady rhythm he f*cked me harder and harder and gave me an orgasm before he withdrew and spunked his man-milk over my tits.

my tits. Now I'm thinking of letting him take me up the arse as well Do you think I should?

TC, Birmingham

Kelly says...

WOW, you're a quick learner!

Dear Kelly,

I'M a horny woman aged 26 and have three male lovers.

But I have just recently discovered I'm bisexual and now I also have a female lover.
What's more, I've noticed that

I've noticed that a certain edge has gone off the orgasms I'm having with all my different men. For instance, when one of my boyfriends was licking me out the other night, I kept thinking of how my new girlfriend did it so much better.

Pussy

It all started when this woman started work at my firm. We had lunch one day and as we walked back to the office she started to talk about sex.

I told her how I love to have a big cock in my mouth and another in my pussy – and if it's timed right they climax at the same time.

Imax at the same time.

Then she told me about all the men she has shagged. All the sex talk got me horny and she suddenly asked me if I'd tasted

a woman's pussy. I said I hadn't and one thing led

to another and that evening I found myself round at her house, a bit nervous but also excited about what might

than sex with blokes

e had a few glasses of wine and then she led me upstairs into her bedroom, where we both stripped off and fondled each other's breasts.

Licked

Then I lay back on her bed and spread

my legs as she licked me out.
The first lick of my clit told me I was going to love it. and it wasn't long before I enjoyed my first pulsating orgasm

brought on by a woman.

And when I kissed and licked her shaven pussy, I found the taste of her snavel pussy, I total the taste of her juices was every bit as good as a man's hot spunk.

I loved licking the scent and taste of her off my fingers and ramming my tongue deep into her love-tunnel.

Then we climbed into the 69 position

and got to work on each other with our tongues and fingers.

I had several more orgasms before re both collapsed exhausted into each other's arms.

I had never felt so turned-on and the next evening I went to see her again.

This time she used a huge vibrator on y dripping clunge and engorged clit my dripping clunge and engorged and I had another amazing orgasm.

But the next time I was with one of my male lovers I found that the orgasms were different – bu not as good.

Now I'm starting to wonder should I give up sex with this woman to bring back the orgasms I used to get with my male lover?

FL. Essex

Kelly says...

WHY not have a threesome and have the best of both worlds?

I serviced car and the horny owner

Dear Kelly,

I'M a 32-year-old motor mechanic and the other day this right stunna came into my garage.

Her silver sports car had broken down but it only needed a few bunged-up plugs changing.

I told her I would have to take her motor for a spin as a final check. She joined me and I couldn't believe my luck when she invited me to her flat later.

She told me to come in my overalls and not to wash. I thought it was a bit strange, but if it meant that I was going to get a shag I was up for it.

When I got to her place my spanner was already well hard and I was revved up when she put her hands inside my overalls.

She stripped off and took my throbbing dick between

She stripped off and took my throbbing dick between her soft lips and began sucking me off expertly.

Gulped

I managed to hold on for about 10 minutes, then I released my handbrake and unleashed my love fluid and watched as she gulped it down.

She then led me to her bedroom and told me to lie on the bed while she went to her bathroom. She came back clutching a can of oil and massaged me with it. I was soon rock-hard again and I flipped her over, slipped my drive shaft right up her crank casing and gave her a damn good servicing.

gave her a damn good servicing.

The next morning I asked for her number, but she refused and said it was a one-off. What can I do?

BW. Cumbria

Kelly says...

NOTHING - I'm sure you'll soon find someone else to satisfy

Dear Kelly,

I WAS recently made unemployed. I'm 23, with 32DD boobs and long red curly hair – and didn't enjoy packing biscuits anyway.

Last week I was approached by a fella in a

approached by a fella in a bar who said if I wanted to make some easy money, become a part-time hooker. He said I could make a fortune from selling my body and offered me £50 to shag him.

I went to his house and he asked if he could film

me in some raunchy poses.
One thing led to another
and I found myself in
ecstasy with this fella

sucking on my clit.

Then he got out a huge dildo and suggested penetrating my arsehole as he screwed me. I let him use it on my arse and I was soon

screaming with delight.

The next day I went to his house and he called in a

blonde girl.

She pulled off all my clothes and started sucking on my tits. Pretty soon she had a dildo in my bum and was lapping at my clit. It was a

real turn-on.
I asked if she was a

prostitute, but she said she was his wife.
Now they both want to pay me for sex.
What should I do?

JB. Devon

Kelly says...

IT'S up to you, but it's probably better than packing biscuits.



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Jouncy Brookie Little has put a lot of thought into her perfect fantasy...

The 30G stunna said she'd really love her fella to fix a kinky threeway with a hot BIG-BOOBED girl.

Gorgeous Brookle, who hails from Weymouth in Dorset, revealed she has never slept with a woman before but would be more than willing to give it a go!

The blonde said: "It would be really sexy if a boyfriend brought home a girl one day, as a surprise.

"A really hot blonde girl who was up for getting quite naughty.

"He'd bring her upstairs into the bedroom and tell her to start undressing me... you can imagine

undressing me... you can imagine the rest!
"I've done a few things with other girls before but I haven't gone all the way.
"I probably would – but she'd have to be really gorgeous.
"And she'd have to be really up for it. It would be good if she'd done it before, too.
"You know who I really fancy? Rhian Sugden.
"I'd definitely say yes if she was involved!"

involved!"

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- 1. EIGHTIES pop star Andy Taylor, 62, says he was "visited by an angel" after starting treatment for incurable prostate cancer. Which band did he find fame with? a) Tears for Fears b) Duran Duran c) Spandau Ballet d) Depeche Mode

2. WHICH country did England beat 27:10 in their Rugby World Cup opener in Marseille? a) Italy b) Ireland c) France d) Argentina

3. CAPTURED spy Daniel Khalife used what to strap himself to the underside of a food delivery van during his Wandsworth prison escape?

- a) Belt b) Pyjama bottoms c) Bed sheets d) Warden's handcuffs
- 4. WHICH entertainer sent fans' temperatures soaring when he donned just a pair of green swimming shorts for a dip in the public pond in Hampstead Heath,
- London, at the weekend?
 a) Chris Biggins
 b) Harry Styles
 c) James Corden
- d) Rylan Clark
- 5. BMW will manufacture next-generation electric versions of which iconic
- British car in Oxford?
 a) Jaguar E-Type
 b) Land Rover Defender

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- c) Ford Cortina d) Mini
- 6. THE doors started closing this week on more than 400 branches of which shop after a buyout deal collapsed?
- a) Woolworths b) British Home Stores c) Do It All d) Wilko
- 7. WHICH actor has reportedly left EastEnders after a row with producers, leaving the show in turmoil and rewriting storylines?
 a) Brian Conley b) Adam Woodyatt c) Danny Dyer d) Leonard Fenton

- 8. WHICH England cricket legend was seen in public coaching the team for the first time in months after

- recovering from a horror car crash? a) Graham Gooch b) Ian Botham c) Andrew Flintoff

- d) David Gower
- 9. WHICH stunna is
- 9. WHICH stunna is turning heads in some raunchy outfits as she fronts a new Sky telly show called Sex: A Bonkers History?
 a) Kelly Brook
 b) Amanda Holden
 c) Tess Daly
 d) Alex Janes
- d) Alex Jones

10. TELLY presenter Vick Hope got married to which superstar DJ in a Glastonbury-themed wedding in Northumberland?

- a) Calvin Harris b) Bob Harris c) Pete Tong d) Tony Blackburn

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HOME HELP: Rory McIlroy

Open in **Ireland** fires up McIlroy

By ANDY MILLOM

RORY McIlroy believes the R&A is "seriously looking" at staging the Open outside the UK for the first time, with Portmarnock a possible venue.

The world number two sang the praises of the north Dublin links.

"I think they are seriously looking at it. I think it would be fantastic," McIlroy said. "I was looking forward to Portrush but

(concerned) in terms of how it would do commercially; there's so many other considerations to hosting a major championship apart from it being a great golf

"There has to be a lot of stuff that makes sense, but having a course that's so close to a major city, so close to a major airport, having a great golf course, I think it would be amazing."
Portmarnock is eligible

to stage R&A events after voting in 2021 to admit women members for the first time in its history. with nine women elected as full members in December last year.

The course will host the 121st Women's Amateur Championship in 2024, although infrastructure and access could remain an issue for bigger events

like The Open.

McIlroy hopes Adrian
Meronk uses his
disappointment at being overlooked for a Ryder Cup wild card as "fuel for the fire" to make the team in 2025

Meronk admitted he was "shocked, sad and angry" not to receive one of the six wild cards available to Europe captain Luke Donald, having won May's Italian Open at the Ryder Cup venue in Rome.

The 30-year-old also finished fifth on the European Points list, 20 European Points list, 20
places above the selected
Nicolai Hojgaard, while
Shane Lowry's selection
has also been questioned
due to a poor run of form.
McIlroy played
alongside Meronk in the

Irish Open.
"We all know that he's

"We all know that he's heartbroken and he had as much of a case as anyone to be on that team," Mellroy said.
"Any other year he would have made the team, there were just a few unfortunate.

few unfortunate circumstances that went against him."



KEVIN Sinfield says England are ready to accelerate their development at the World Cup now that they have shown their true colours.

true colours.

England have reported no fresh injury problems after Saturday's 27-10 victory over Argentina but are expected to see Tom Curry suspended after his dangerous tackle on Juan Cruz Mallia.

Curry's red card meant Steve Borthwick's side played all but three minutes of the Pool D opener at Stade Velodrome with 14 men, yet they rose to the challenge magnificently to produce their most resilient display since Sinfield was placed in charge of the defence 10 Tests ago. ests ago. It was a department of England's

game that was under close scrutiny after they had conceded 30 tries in

By PAUL THOMAS

nine matches but even with Curry watching from the stand their tryline remained intact until the final

minute.

"We showed a bit of what we're about and I still feel there's loads of improvement in us," Sinfield said.

"We're disappointed to concede at the end, but I thought we did a really professional job.

"We knew that performance was coming and to have to do the vast majority of it with 14 men shows the fight and the spirit that we have spoken about for some time now. However, it wasn't being transferred onto the field.

"It was pleasing to see some

onto the field.

"It was pleasing to see some aspects really improve, but more so for the players because they've seen what this group is capable of.

"And we need to ensure we get

more of that and keep moving forward in each of our training sessions

sessions."
Curry is to attend Tuesday night's independent disciplinary hearing in Paris in person as England seek a favourable outcome to his dismissal after a clash of heads with Mallia.

Dangerous

The Sale flanker, who was making his first appearance since the autumn because of hamstring and ankle injuries, is facing a suspension in the region of three matches, which is likely to be reduced by one if he attends tackle school.

Offsetting his unavailability, however, is number eight Billy Vunipola's return from his ban for a dangerous tackle against Ireland for Sunday's second group match against Japan in Nice.

George Ford is the man of the

George Ford is the man of the moment after he masterfully guided

Englandtovictory against Argentina, who entered the match as favourites but proved to be a disorganised

Ford's brilliance poses a selection conundrum for Borthwick given squad captain Owen Farrell comes

squad captain Owen Farrell comes back from suspension—also incurred for a dangerous tackle—against Chile on Saturday week.

Both are vying for the fly-half duties and while Ford is sure to be rested against the South Americans due to his heavy workload, Borthwick will need to make a difficult decision for the Pool D finale against Samoa

decision for the Pool D finale against Samoa.

"It was a masterclass from George. He really grabbed hold of the game for us. He managed it really well and he was faultless with the boot," Sinfield said.
"He brings a calmness to us. You want your leaders to step up in a variety of different ways in big

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games and George certainly did that."

Manu Tuilagi insists England will continue to laugh in the face of adversity after Curry's red card.
England have now had four players sent off in six Tests – each of them for dangerous tackles – and an indicator of their regularity was seen in Tuilagi's response when his Sale team-mate was given his marching orders.

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"To be honest I was sort of smiling and laughing because we've had a tough preparation," said centre Tuilagi, who packed down in the scrum in Curry's absence.
"We've had a lot of challenges that life has thrown towards us. But just because we've had a lot of challenges it doesn't mean they are going to stop. That's life and you've just got to find a way to deal with it.
"Tomorrow's going to be different – a new day, a new challenge. So

we've talked about the belief and the trust that you've got to have in each

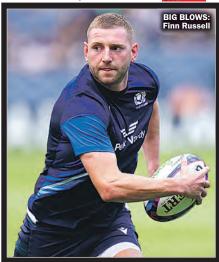
other.
"Our preparation wasn't the best, but we worked so hard to get here so it's time to just go out there and enjoy our rugby, not think about the past and the future."
Tuilagi marvelled at "our kid" Ford, another Sale colleague who is helping put Manchester back on the

rugby map.
"George is unbelievable. He's a
player who has been there and done
it all. We look to him in tough times

and he stepped up against Argentina, Tuilagi said.
"He deserves everything he's got because he's worked so hard to get back and play well.
"He's a mastermind. He lives and

breathes rugby. Having the love of what you do means you enjoy it. It wasn't perfect but that's life, it can never be perfect.





Scots raring to go after Boks clash

SCOTLAND are confident they have come through their bruising encounter with South Africa without sustaining any notable

Talisman Finn Russell took a couple of heavy blows in Sunday's 18-3 defeat by the Springboks in Marseille but early indications are positive on the fitness front.

Coach Brad Mooar, speaking after the team returned to their World Cup base near Nice, said: "It appears we've got a clean bill of health there out of the game. Finn's all

"Clearly it was a very physical game, as you'd expect, so there's the odd bruise and bump but nothing that's going to keep people out." While the squad is in

decent shape physically – with Ewan Ashman, Luke Crosbie and George Horne all progressing well after missing out against the Boks – the Scots must now overcome the emotional damage of failing to live up to their own lofty expectations in their first game of the World Cup.

Opportunities

"I don't think the general emotions have changed since last night," said Mooar. "There is still an air of

disappointment at letting an opportunity slip. "We all understand we

weren't at our best and that's a real shame to be taking on South Africa and not put our best game

forward.
"We did it in parts but not overall so that disappointment is there. "But certainly looking

back at the game and having conversations, we can see opportunities where we could have imposed ourselves but we weren't accurate enough and didn't execute the opportunities.

"It's all still there in front of us and we're



COACH: Townsend

excited about what's to

come. "We're all looking forward, not back."

The Scots have a fortnight to regroup between their first two matches – with their next game against Tonga in Nice on 24 September – and Mooar revealed how the players and coaches were lifted by the sight of their families welcoming them upon return to their team headquarters on Monday.
"The players have got

two and a half days off now, so it was lovely to come back into the hotel and see all the families. the partners and children in the team room and the

swimming pool waiting for us," he said. "So players and management have gone from that mode into father and husband and partner mode, which is great to

"We've got time to get the rugby part and the injuries right so we've got an exciting couple of days ahead and then a week of footie coming up. "This group is built on

connection.
"There are strong connections between ourselves and that allow us to have the conversations to be better and the connection with the families and our supporters is also massively important to us. It's a great boost for everybody to share some family time."

Monty out to bring good times to Hibs

NICK Montgomery aims to forge a "new identity" for Hibernian after being appointed the club's head

The former Sheffield The former Sheffield United midfielder arrives in Edinburgh after 11 years with Central Coast Mariners, who he led to the A-League title last season following a 6-1 Grand Final victory over Melboures City with the Melbourne City with the help of a hat-trick from former Hibs striker Jason

Cummings.

He has now taken charge at Easter Road on

charge at Easter Road on a three-year deal, describing Hibs as the "perfect" club for him. He said: "I will try to bring a new identity to the club, and that's not easy to do, but with hard work on the training ground and the buy-in from the staff, the players, the fans and the community, I really want to push this club forward and just bring a real work ethic and a good style of play that people will enjoy watching.

style of play that people will enjoy watching.
"An identity is something the fans can come and enjoy, a team with a lot of energy that likes to score goals."
He added: "The squad is really good, I have done a lot of research on the squad. I know some of the players, I actually played with Davie Marshall a long time ago."
When asked why he had

time ago."
When asked why he had chosen Hibs, he said: "My grandma was born in Scotland, I played for the Under-21s. I have a lot of history with Scotland.
"I felt it was the perfect club to come to a club

club to come to, a club that is not where it should be in terms of the start of the season but that's now my responsibility to put belief in the players and create an environment where everyone comes in every day and enjoys training and buy into the long-term vision to make Hibs successful.

"I had quite a bit of interest and as soon as I spoke to Hibs, it just felt in my gut instinct it was the right opportunity. "We talked in depth



BIG CALL: McDermott

about football, the club and where it wanted to go and that matched my ambition." Montgomery earned a

reputation for developing young players in Australia. The players he worked with include recent with include recent Aberdeen signing James McGarry, Hibs full-back Lewis Miller, Kye Rowles of Hearts and Tynecastle striker Garang Kuol. "I think it's central to

most clubs around the world," he said. "A lot of clubs develop players that will hopefully earn money in transfers because that's how you help the club become sustainable. That's the narrative we had in Australia, we became a club known for developing our own players, but not only our own players." Hibs director of football

Brian McDermott led the hunt for the replacement to Lee Johnson, who was sacked after opening the Premiership season with three defeats and has now taken over at Fleetwood.

Montgomery said: "In terms of recruitment, I have spoken to Brian. It's about finding the right players that fit the club, not what the player is but what the player can be. That's important because you have to try and bring players though.

"There are young players in the academy that supported the club who dream of walking out at Easter Rd. I had that as a young player and that's really powerful."

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



RALPH **Beckett** can continue his excellent recent form when Trust House runs in the Unibet Support Safe Gambling Maiden **Stakes** Kempton.

of Beckett's one favourite sires in Lope De Vega, the three-year-old has obviously had an issue or two because he has only made it to the track twice.

Made it to the track twice. However, there has been plenty of promise to suggest he is well up to winning a race and with the yard in such good shape now is the perfect time to strike.

Beaten

Unraced at two he made his debut at Newbury in April when fourth of five to Military Order who went on to run in the Derby.

to run in the Derby.
Exoplanet was second and
filled the same spot in the
Hampton Court at Royal
Ascot and the Leger-bound
Chesspiece was third, so

Ascot and the Leger-bound Chesspiece was third, so there is very little wrong with the form. He then ran the following month at Nottingham in another hot event won by Perfuse, now rated 93, but

By MIKE FRANCIS

the heavy ground took a toll and he was well beaten into third.

third.

Given plenty of time since and stepped up in trip, he is likely to improve further being related to a Leger winner in Galileo Chrome.

David Simcock's Mordor could have been let in the Unibet More Boosts In More Bacce Handiean lightly given

Races Handicap lightly given how his last race has worked

out. By the late stallion Roaring By the late stallion twarning Lion, he ran well enough on debut in fifth and was then third at Newcastle. Bt it is his Doncaster run in a valuable novice that stands

It was won by Sweet William, who has since won big pots at Newbury and Goodwood before being touched off in the Ebor by an inspired Frankie Dettori on Absurde.

Absurde.

Mordor was beaten over eight lengths but there is plenty of scope off a mark of 74 for him to improve significantly.

The Racing League concludes at Southwell where it is probably worth looking to see what Saffie Osborne is riding given her

record in the competition. One that sticks out like a sore thumb is King Of Scotia, trained by her father, Jamie, having his first run for 109

Osborne senior recently stated he had a few aces up his sleeve for the final night and this could be one in the William Hill Enhanced Odds

William Hill Ennanced Odds Every Day Racing League Race 37 Handicap. Osborne later rides Zain Nights for Harry and Roger Charlton and he is another worth close consideration.

Glory

It might just be that James Tate's Regal Empire can defy a 5lb rise for winning a good prize at Ascot last time out in the William Hill Epic Value Racing League Race 42 Handicap.

Clive Cox's Heroism has not lived up to early expectations having been thrown in at the deep end on his second start last year.

Now down to a mark of 77 in the Bet Online At bresbet. com Handicap at Bath, he can start making progress.

Climbing, joint owned by the Queen, can give the royals a taste of glory before Desert Hero runs in the St Leger by winning the Vistry

Homes Partridge Walk Stafford Maiden Hurdle at Uttoxeter.

SELECTIONS:

BATH: 1.40 Miss Lightfandango, 2.15 Acer, 2.50 Go Your Own Way, 3.25 Under Curfew, 4.00 Heroism, 4.35 Club Manager, 5.10 Ciotog. CARLISLE: 2.05 Alibi Warning, 2.40 Knicks, 3.15 Manxman, 3.50 Do I Dream, 4.25 Bustaam, 5.00

Trabajo Detecho. KEMPTON: 5.30 Alfred, 6.00 Zola Power, 6.30 Shallow, 7.00 High Handed, 7.30 Rose Light, 8.00 TRUST HOUSE (NAP), 8.30

Mordor. PUNCHESTOWN: 1.15 Rising Sign, 1.45 Fighter, 2.20 One Boss, 2.55 Fleetfoot, 3.30 Ultra

Boss, 2.55 Heetroot, 3.30 Uttra Fine, 4.05 Ma Belle Artiste, 4.40 Final Check, 5.15 Wrist Art. SOUTHWELL: 5.45 Crimson Spirit, 6.15 King 0f Scotia, 6.45 Kingmania, 7.15 Hierarchy, 7.45 Zain Nights, 8.15 Lil Guff, 8.45

Regal Empire.
TRAMORE: 1.55 Eziva. 2.30
Elsa's Pride, 3.05 Royal Eagle,
3.40 Immelmann, 4.15 Say It So,
4.50 Stoke The Fire, 5.25 Zoffany

Bay.
UTTOXETER: 2.25 Leopolds
Rock, 3.00 Climbing, 3.35
Trapista, 4.10 Simply Red, 4.45
Ya Know Yaseff, 5.20 Eaton Lady.



ANDY Murray believes Great Britain can win the Davis Cup again this season and is happy to play his part on or off the court.

world former number one is among a five-man team for this

five-man team for this week's group stage in Manchester, along with Cameron Norrie, Dan Evans, Jack Draper and Neal Skupski.

Quite what Murray's role will be remains to be seen and, speaking after his disappointing second-round loss to Grigor Dimitrov at the US Open, the Scot questioned whether he deserved his place. place.

Needed

But the 36-year-old cut a But the 36-year-old cut a much more positive figure at a press conference at the AO Arena, saying: "At that moment, straight as I came off the court, I wasn't in a great place after losing in a slam.
"I said (to captain Leon Smith), if I'm not needed, I completely get that. But, for whatever reason, he asked

By ANDY MILLOM

me to come and I said I would

me to come and I said I would come.

"I've always loved playing Davis Cup and any event where you're competing for your country. We have a great group of guys, I love being part of this team, we've got great staff as well. Everyone gets on extremely well well

"I do genuinely believe the team can win the event. That's huge motivation to be anats nuge motivation to be a part of it. I want to help the team in any way I can, whether that's on the court or off. We'll see what happens."

Britain have been drawn in an intriguing group with Australia, France and Switzerland and must finish

Switzerland and must finish in the top two to book their spot at the finals week in Malaga in November.

It is now eight years since Murray led Britain to the Davis Cup title virtually single-handed.

There is no doubt Britain have a stronger overall team now, but with that come selection difficulties for Smith and he faced criticism for choosing Murray and Joe

Salisbury as his doubles pair

Salisbury as his doubles pair as they crashed out at the same stage in Glasgow 12 months ago.

Salisbury won his third consecutive US Open title with American Rajeev Ram on Saturday but did not make the team, with Smith likely to rely on Skupski and Evans in doubles, while the most intriguing question mark is whether he will throw in 21-year-old Draper fresh from his run to the fourth round in New York.

He has had a hugely frustrating season with injuries but is a major talent who will surely lead the team in the not-too-distant future, while Norrie and Evans have but he day a tarking season have

while Norrie and Evans have both had patchy seasons.

Options

"I think we've got our best five here," said Smith. "Obviously we've got strength in depth, especially on the doubles side. In terms of selection for the matches, it's good. You want a strong squad, different options, because it is a long week. I'm

pecause it is a long week. I m just delighted they're all here."

Draper was named in the team for the first time for February's tricky

assignment away in Colombia, where victory secured their progress to this point. "I feel great," said the Londoner, who was hitting with fit-again former British number one Kyle Edmund on Monday.

"Obviously New York gave me a real boost after quite a tough season. When Leon asked me to join the guys I was really excited and wanted to be here.
"I haven't away ...

"I haven't been part of Davis Cup playing at home. It's amazing to be part of this team and I'm grateful

for the selection and happy to be around these boys for

sure."
Britain's biggest challenge Britain's oligest chainenge is likely to come tonight when they take on last year's runners-up Australia, led by in-form world number 12 Alex de Minaur.

Rematch

Crowds of around 8,000 are expected for that tie and the one on Friday against Stan Wawrinka's Swiss side, while a sell-out of more than 13,000 on Sunday for the final match against France will be the biggest for a Davis Cup contest in Britain.

Britain.
There are other groups taking place in Bologna,
Split and Valencia,
where Serbia and Spain will do battle, although a Wimbledon a Wimbledon final rematch between Novak between Novak
Djokovic and
Carlos Alcaraz
will no longer
h a p p e n
following the
Spaniard's
withdrawal
fromthe team.

- 1. Which player is the New Zealand All Blacks leading try-scorer in Tests?
- 2. Novak Djokovic has won 24 grand slam singles titles, how many of those were by beating Andy Murray in a final?
- 3. Newlands is a cricket ground in which country?
- 4. Alan Shearer retired from international football after which tournament?
- 5. How many points has Lebron James scored in the NBA? A) 35,417 B) 37,895 C) 38,652
- 6. Who won this year's Giro D'Italia?
- 7. Which player is top of the ICC women's ODI rankings for both batting and all-rounder?
- 8. Surrey Storm are a team playing in which
- 9. In what year did Kadeena Cox win gold medals in multiple sports at the Paralympics?
- 10. How many times has Lee Westwood finished second in a major?
- 11. Emma Raducanu won the US Open on this day in 2021, but who did she beat in the final?
- 12. Tao Geoghegan Hart rides for which cycling team?
- 13. Michaela Tabb is a Scottish referee in which sport?
- 14. When was the last time the United States won the Ryder Cup in Europe?
- 15. Who scored all of England's 27 points in their Rugby World Cup win against Argentina on Saturday?
- 16. The Brewers is the nickname for which Football League club?
- 17. Baltimore Orioles play which American sport?
- 18. England goalkeeper Mary Earps currently plays for which Women's Super League club?
- 19. Athlete Keelv Hodgkinson competes in which event?
- 20. Who is England men's one day international top run

ANSWERS:1 Doug Howlett:

Z Five: 3 South Africa: 4
Euro 2000; 5 C; 6 Frimoz
Roglic; 7 Nat Sciver-Brunt;
8 Nehall: 9 Zolfs; 10 3.
Incos 13: Snooker 14.
1993 15: George Ford 16.
Burton Albion 17. Reaebail
18. Manchester United 19.
800m 20. Eoin Morgan

- 1895: The original FA Cup trophy was stolen from a shop window in Birmingham, where it had been on display courtesy of holders Aston Villa. 1998: Francis Baron
- became the Rugby Football Union's first chief executive. 1998: Arsenal signed
- Freddie Ljungberg from Halmstad for £3million after Arsene Wenger watched him play for
- Sweden against England 2001: St Helens forward Sonny Nickle was handed a six-month ban for a challenge that broke the jaw of Leeds hooker Robbie Mears.
- 2005: The United States regained the Solheim Cup from Europe at Crooked Stick, Indiana.
- 2006: Roger Federer won the US Open with a 6-2 4-6 7-5 6-1 win over Andy Roddick at Flushing Meadows. 2008: West Ham
- appointed Gianfranco Zola as their new manager on a three-year
- 2011: Australia's Samantha Stosur won the US Open women's singles title with a 6-2 6-3 victory over American Serena Williams.
- 2012: UK Athletics confirmed head coach Charles van Commenee
- was to step down.
 2013: Giovanni
 Trapattoni and Marco
 Tardelli left their roles as Republic of Ireland manager and assistant by mutual consent following the 1-0 World Cup qualification defeat by Austria.
- 2015: Serena Williams suffered one of the greatest shocks in tennis history as unseeded Italian Roberta Vinci ended the American's hopes of a calendar grand slam with a stunning 2-6 6-4 6-4 victory in the US Open semi-finals. 2017: Crystal Palace
- sacked manager Frank
 De Boer after four
 straight Premier League defeats. The Dutchman lasted only 77 days at Selhurst Park. 2018: James Anderson
- surpassed Glenn McGrath's record for Test wickets by a pace bowler as he dismissed ned Shami with the final ball of England's 118-run victory over India in the fifth Test at the Oval.
- 2021: Eighteen-year-old Emma Raducanu won the US Open women's singles title after beating Levlah Fernandez of Canada 6-4 6-3 in the
- 2021: Cristiano Ronaldo marked his second Manchester United debut with two goals in a 4-1 Premier League win over Newcastle
- 2022: Tadd Fuiikawa came out as gay, becoming the first male professional golfer to do so. Twelve years previously he had qualified as a 15-year-old amateur for the 2006 US Open, the youngest player to do so.

STICKY FOR THE TOFFEES BUT CHAM

0 D team

THE international break of the seasonprovidesanopportunity to assess each club's start to the Premier League campaign.

Here *Midweek Sport* takes a look at who is top of the class and who has to pick up the slack.

MANCHESTER CITY - A 100 percent record of four wins, 11 goals scored, two conceded, top of the table and six-goal Erling Haaland already well into his stride. Did we expect anything else?

anything else?

TOTTENHAM – So far there have been no adverse effects from the sale of Harry Kane. The squad have bought into Ange Postecoglou's brand of football and the goals are being shared around. New signing James Maddison's form has been a huge boost

huge boost. **LIVERPOOL** – The overhaul of their entire midfield has rejuvenated Jurgen Klopp's side. Darwin Nunez

By PAUL THOMAS

is starting to look a consistent threat and while defensively there are still issues to iron out, things have begun

WEST HAM – No Declan Rice? No problem. Another team who are so far thriving without their talisman. The Europa Conference League and some shrewd transfer business have contributed to deserved wins over Chelsea and Brighton.

PROMISING START

ARSENAL – Late goals against
Manchester United have given the
club a much-needed lift after lessthan-convincing performances
against Crystal Palace and Fulham. Fixtures have been kind but the Gunners now need to build

momentum.
BRIGHTON momentum.

BRIGHTON – The aberration against West Ham aside Roberto de Zerbi's side continue to impress, scoring 11 times in their other three games. Evan Ferguson's hat-trick in the win over Newcastle was an added

CRYSTAL PALACE team to whom the fixture list has been kind, with their only defeat to Arsenal, but still currently exceeding

xpectations.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST — Six NOTTINGHAM FOREST — Six points from a start which included Arsenal, Manchester United and Chelsea is probably more than they could have hoped for. Beating Chelsea at Stamford Bridge was hugely important for a team which won just once away from home last season. season.

BRENTFORD - Yet to be beaten but will have been frustrated by draws against Bournemouth and Palace. Eight goals, scoring in every game, with four for Bryan Mbeumo, shows they are managing without the banned Ivan Toney.

ASTON VILLA – A seventh-placed

finish last season has set the benchmark and wins over Everton and Burnley and defeats to Newcastle

and Burnley and defeats to Newcastle and Liverpool are in line with that. **FULHAM** — Losing Aleksandar Mitrovic was a blow and they have been unlucky with some decisions; a draw with Arsenal was encouraging but losing 3-0 at home to Brentford, albeit with 10 men, was not.

WOLVES – After a late change of

wolves - After a late change of manager hopes were not particularly high but beating fellow strugglers Everton was massive after two opening defeats to Manchester United and Brighton.

SHEFFIELD UNITED - The newly-SHEFFIELD UNITED – The newly-promoted club may have only one point, taken at home to Everton, but put up a good show against Manchester City.

LUTON – Tipped to return the Premier League's lowest points tally, the club's return to the top flight

after 31 years has so far followed that trajectory but it was always expected to be a struggle.

PIONS ARE LEADING THE WAY...



MUST TO DO BETTER MANCHESTER UNITED

£180million spent in the summer but two defeats – and fortunate to escape with a win at home to Wolves escape with a win at nome to woives – suggest things have not clicked. Scoring more than one goal in a game only once shows where the issue is but the hope is new striker Rasmus Hojland will fix that.

Rasmus Holland will fix that. **BOURNEMOUTH** — After replacing Gary O'Neil, the man whoguided them to safety relatively comfortably last season, Andoni Iraola has to justify that decision and the archivilation in the same in the same archives are here. and the early indications are he still has a lot of work to do.

BOTTOM OF THE CLASS

CHELSEA — £1billion spent in a year and yet the club are still to show signs of moving forward under new boss Mauricio Pochettino. A 3-0 win over Luton is no real gauge but defeats at West Ham and at home to Forest show a successful formula has not been landed upon and goals remain a

problem. **NEWCASTLE** – Hopes were high

*NEWCASTLE — Hopes were high after a top-four finish but contriving to lose against 10-man Liverpool and then at Brighton have put them on a three-match losing run—and the Champions League has not even started yet.

BURNLEY — After running away with the Championship to book an immediate return, hopes were high Vincent Kompany's brand of football could be transferred to the top flight but they have shipped 11 goals in three games and were torn

top flight but they have shipped 11 goals in three games and were torn apart by Spurs.

EVERTON – Entirely predictable the Toffees would find themselves in the bottom three after a financially-restricted summer saw more departures than arrivals. The signing of Beto offers some hope of goals but after home defeats to Fulham and Wolves the season has all the hallmarks of the last two relegation-threatened campaigns.

DIRE START:

- CRICKET: One-day international, England v New Zealand Sky Sports Cricket and Sky Sports Main Event 1200
- HORSE RACING: Racing League ITV4 1730.
- SNOOKER: Shannhai Masters -
- Eurosport 2 0700 and 1230. CYCLING: Tour of Slovakia -Eurosport 1 1200: Vuelta a Espana - Eurosport 1 1330.

THURSDAY

- CRICKET: Women's one-day international, England v Sri Lanka Sky Sports Cricket 1200, Sky
- Sky Sports Cricket 1200. Sky Sports Main Event 1800. RUGBY UNION: World Cup. France v Uruguay ITVA 1915. GOLF. PD World Tour, BMW P6A Championship Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 0830. P6A Tour, Fortinet Championship Sky Sports Golf 1800. Sky Sports Main Event 2019. Main Event 2030
- Main Event 2030
 HORSE RACING: St Leger Festival,
 Doncaster 1TV4 1330.
 SNOOKER: Shanghai Masters –
 Eurosport 2 0700 and 1230.
 CYCLING: Vuelta a Espana –
- Eurosport 1 1130. GRIDIRON: NFL, Philadelphia Eagles v Minnesota Vikings – Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports NFL 0000.

- FRIDAY
 FOOTBALL: Championship, Southampton v Leicester – Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Football 2000; Bundesliga, Bayern Munich v Bayer Leverkusen – Sky Sports Mix 1930; Northern Irish Premiership, Larne v Linfield — BBC Two Northern Ireland 1945; Scottish Championship, Ayr United v Partick Thistle — BBC Scotland 1945; LaLiga, Rayo Vallecano v Alaves — Viaplay Sports 1 2000; Ligue 1, Paris St Germain v Nice — TNT Sports 1 1945. RUGBY UNION: World Cup, New
- Zealand v Namibia ITV4 2000. CRICKET: One-day international, Fnnland v New Zealand - Sky
- Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Cricket 1200. MOTOR RACING: Formula One, Singapore Grand Prix first practice

 — Sky Sports F1 1030, Second
- practice 1400. GOLF: DP World Tour, BMW PGA Championship — Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 0830; PGA Tour, Fortinet Championship Sky Sports Golf 1800, Sky Sports Main Event 2300
- HORSE RACING: St Leger Festival, Doncaster ITV4 1330.
 DARTS: World Series of Darts Finals
- ITV3 1745. SNOOKER: Shanghai Masters -
- Eurosport 2 0700 and 1230. CYCLING: Slovakia Eurosport 1 1200; Vuelta a Espana - Eurosport 1 1330.

SATURDAY

PFOOTBALL: Premier League, Wolves

v Liverpool – TNT Sports 1 1230,
Newcastle v Brentford – Sky
Sports Premier League and Sky
Sports Main Event 1700;
Champiagokin Careff V Syuppage Championship, Cardiff v Swansea - Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1945; Premiership, St Johnstone v Rangers – Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Football 1200; National League, Kidderminster v Solihull Moors – TNT Sports 1 1730; LaLiga, Athletic Bilbao v Cadiz – Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1300, Celta Vigo v Real Mallorca Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1730, Barcelona v Real Betis — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 2000; Serie A, Inter Milan v AC Milan — TNT Sports 2 1715, Genoa Napoli — TNT Sports 2 1945; Bundesliga, VFL Bochum v Eintracht Frankfurt – Sky Sports Football 1730; Ligue 1, Lens v Metz

- TNT Sports 2 1945. MOTOR RACING: Formula One, Singapore Grand Prix third practice
 — Sky Sports F1 1015; Qualifying
- RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Samoa v Chile — ITV4 1330, Wales v Portugal — ITV and S4C 1600, Ireland v Tonga — ITV 1915; Premiership Cup, Bath v Jersey Reds — TNT Sports 2 1230. • GOLF: BMW PGA Championship —
- Sky Golf 0830, Sky Sports Main Event 1500; PGA Tour, Fortinet Championship — Sky Sports Golf 2300.
- CRICKET: One-Day Cup final, Leicestershire v Hampshire — Sky Sports Cricket 1030. • RUGBY LEAGUE: Catalans Dragons v
- Leeds Sky Sports Action 1655. HORSE RACING: St Leger Festival, Doncaster - ITV 1325
- ATHI FTICS: Diamond Lean Eugene – BBC Three 2000; Sydney
- Marathon Eurosport 1 2200.

 DARTS: World Series of Darts Finals
 ITV4 1745.

 SNOOKER: Shanghai Masters —
- Eurosport 2 0700.

 MOTOR CYCLING: British
- Superbikes, Oulton Park Eurosport 2 1300. CYCLING: Vuelta a Espana —
- Eurosport 1 1030.

SUNDAY

- FOOTBALL: Premier League, Bournemouth v Chelsea — Sky Sports Premier League 1300, Sky Sports Main Event 1400, Everton v Sports Main Event (440), Everton v Arsenal – Sky Sports Premier League and Sky Sports Main Event 1600: Championship, Millwall v Leeds – Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1130; Serie A. Cagliari v Udinese – TNT Sports 2 1130, Frosinone v Sassuolo – TNT Sports 2 1400, Fiorentina v Atalanta - TNT Snorts 2 1700 Roma v — INI Sports 2 170U, Roma v Empoli — TNT Sports 1; LaLiga, Getafe v Osasuna — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1300, Villarreal v Almeria — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1515, Sevilla v Las Palmas – Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1730, Valencia v Atletico Madrid - Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 2000; Bundesliga, Heidenheim v Werder Bremen Sky Sports Football 1430. Darmstadt v Borussia
 Monchengladbach — Sky Sports
 Football 1630.
- ruuwau 1630. MOTOR RACING: Formula One, Singapore Grand Prix Sky Sports F1 1130.
- RUGBY UNION: World Cup, England v Japan ITV 1915, South Africa v Romania ITV 1330, Australia v Fiji
- ITV 1615.
 GOLF: DP World Tour, BMW PGA Championship — Sky Sports Golf 0830; PGA Tour, Fortinet Championship – Sky Sports Golf 2300
- CRICKET: One-day international, South Africa v Australia – Sky
- South Africa v Austraua 5K; Sports Cricket 0830.

 ATHLETICS: Diamond League Eugene BBC Three 2000.

 GRIDIRON: NFL, Jacksonville Jaguars v Kansas City Chiefs - Sky Sports NFL 1700, Sky Sports Main Event 1900, Dallas Cowboys v New York Jets — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 2115, New England Patriots v Miami Dolphins — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky
- Sports NFL 0120 (Mon). CYCLING: Tour of Slovakia -Eurosport 1 1200; Vuelta a Espana – Eurosport 1 1600; Tour of Romandie Women – Eurosport 1 1330.
- DARTS: World Series of Dart
 ITV4 1200 and 1800.
 MOTOR CYCLING: British
- Superbikes, Oulton Park Eurosport 2 1430.
- SNOOKER: Shannhai Masters Eurosport 1 0700



